



The Sign of Christ

News from the Catholic Deaf Community

Diocese of Syracuse



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Fall is a good time to start new things. The weather cools off. The colors inspire you. Maybe you'll be indoors more...and on the computer. Did you know that online you can:

See the Mass Readings in ASL:
www.transfiguration.com

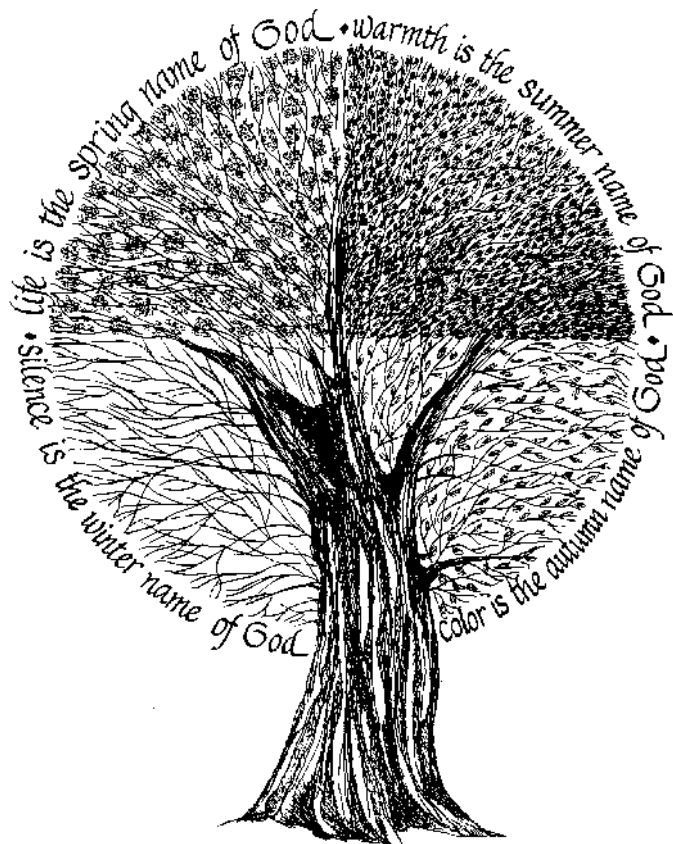
See a Homily, and much more, from Fr Mike Depcik (you may even ask him questions) www.frmd.org

Check out the daily Mass Readings: www.usccb.org

Read the June 6th conclusions of the Vatican's International Conference on the Deaf:
www.icfdeafservice.org

Become certified to teach religion classes. The diocesan courses are now offered online!

Take a 3 minute retreat:
Findinggod.org



While being online is easy and fun, it is also important to meet with other Deaf face-to-face. Yes, there are picnics and other gatherings. Good times. But what are you doing for your Faith? Jesus told us that where two or three are gathered in His name, He is there too. Where do we gather in His name?

Now would be the perfect time to start attending weekly Mass. You can attend interpreted Mass on Sunday: in Fulton at Holy Trinity, in Johnson City at St James, in Syracuse at St Lucy's and All Saints, in Rome at St Mary's-St Peter's, and in Whitestown at St Paul's. The times are on the calendars inside this newsletter. Years ago, the Deaf would gather after Mass. Now would be a good time to start a short get-together/ coffee after Mass. I'm sure the parishes would be happy and helpful.

For many years we had thriving chapters of the International Catholic Deaf Association (ICDA): Chapter 25 was started in Syracuse in 1957, Chapter 67 in Binghamton in 1961, and Chapter 102 in 1973. We even hosted the Conference in 1995. It was wonderful to see the Deaf Catholic praying and working and playing together. Maybe now is the time to revive them. See more inside this newsletter. Check out the website: www.icda-us.org

Would you like to be on the Community Council to make plans for our Catholic Deaf Community?

This & That

June, July, and August...where did they go?! They sure zipped by with many activities. How many picnics were you able to go to? I enjoyed my time at three of them.

Without weekly classes to prepare and teach, I was able to get out and visit more with folks from throughout the diocese. That is always memorable. While visiting with **Rose Benedict**, who will be 98 this November, she gave me an interesting book "The Birth of the I.C.D.A. And Its Progress", about the first ten years (1949-59).

ICDA Chapter 102 held a raffle in June and raised \$253 to be used to help Deaf and Koda youth to attend Catholic activities. Thank you to all those who donated items and to those who purchased tickets. It is always fun.

Please think of giving your time and talents to a local ICDA Chapter. Your enthusiasm can revive the good works!

There were also sad times, the deaths and illnesses.
May they rest in peace:

Bertha Coughlin, mother of **Fr Tom Coughlin**
Carmen Rocco, son of **Margaret Rocco**

On September 12th there are two wonderful opportunities. Deaf Awareness Week has a Mass at St Lucy's followed by refreshments and presentation of the DAC Awards.

That will start at 9 AM.

At the Cathedral in Syracuse, Bishop Cunningham will be celebrating a Disabilities Awareness Mass at 9:45 AM.

I hope that next year the committees may work together!

This summer, when it wasn't too, too hot, I went to my office at St Mary's in Rome (no AC in that room). It was time to sort through messy pile-up and then start on some of the archives in the office. What a history we have! I hope you will be seeing more of what I found...and I hope we can add more pictures of wonderful Catholic Deaf events.

Thank you to **Jane Long** who gave the annual presentation on the Catholic Deaf Community at St Daniel's in Syracuse. Thank you to the members of St Daniel's who gave so generously.

Any questions or comments for me? Just contact me!
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Jerry and Lindsay Anthony

August 14, 2010

Congratulations!

July 3rd 2010 at St Mary's -St Peter's, Rome
Baptism of Leonardo Mingolelli, son of Maria
and Ralph, by Fr Philip Hearn



From our Archives

1991



NYSSD Religion Class 1993
Some are watching the teacher!

Are your children signed up for classes in your parish?



Coming Up

Now:

Ages 18 – 34

Sign up for World Youth Day in Spain!

It will be mid-August 2011 but you **must** sign up now. Have a passport and \$750? Let MV know.

Soon:

High School Age

March For Life Jan 22-24, 2011

Information available:

Adults

- 1) Pilgrimages to Lourdes
- 2) ICDA 2011 Conference

“Connected in Christ”

July 10-15, 2011



My daughter, Marieke Van Damme, catches these on her travels. The top one is obvious. The one below was found in a Topshop... in Glasgow, Scotland!



Jesus says:



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<h1>SEPTEMBER 2010</h1>						
Syr AS is All Saints Syr SL is St Lucy			1	2 Liverpool Group 10 AM - 2 PM Catechetical Leaders Meeting 6:30 PM	3	4
5 Fulton Call Syr SL 9 Syr AS 9:15 Johnson City 10 Whitesboro 11	6 Labor Day	7	8	9	10	11
12 Fulton Call Syr SL 9 Syr AS 9:15 Johnson City 10 9:45 AM Disabilities Awareness Mass Cathedral in Syr	13	14 Barber Shop & ICDA 102 Meeting 10 AM - 1 PM New Hartford NY State Pastoral Workers with the Deaf Meeting Esopus NY	15 NY State Pastoral Workers with the Deaf Meeting Esopus NY	16 Liverpool Group 10 AM - 2 PM	17	18
19 Fulton Call Syr SL 9 Syr AS 9:15 Johnson City 10 Whitesboro 11	20 DAC Meeting Syracuse	21	22	23	24	25 Journey of Faith Syracuse
26 Fulton Call Syr SL 9 Syr AS 9:15 Johnson City 10 Rome 10	27	28	29 NYSSD Religious Ed starts this week	30		



September Birthdays

- 5 Deb Shaffer
- 6 Keith Grant Jr
- 17 Paul Szymanski
- 22 Rebecca Dadey
- 23 Jim Van Damme
- 27 Joanne Jackowski
- 28 Dick Byrnes
- 29 Jane Long

September Anniversaries

- 6 Czeslawa & Bogdan Lachut
- 7 Jeanette & Tony Romanowski
- 12 Beth & Bob Heinlein
- 15 Mary Ellen & John Stevens
- 16 Amy & Richard Coppola
- 18 Virginia & Keith Grant
- 21 Julie & James Pasternak
- 22 Donna & Ray Carroll



Did You Know?

Our name "Catholic Church" comes from 107 AD. St. Ignatius of Antioch, just before he was killed for his Faith (martyred), wrote letters to the Churches in his See. In one, he wrote, "Wherever the Bishop appears, let the people be there, just as Jesus Christ is, there will be the Catholic Church."

Jesus said to the Apostles, the first Bishops, "He who hears you, hears Me."

Sr Carole Marie, PVMI, writes to us:

So, when the Catholic Church teaches us about the Real Presence of Jesus under the appearance of bread and wine; when she (the Church) presents God's merciful forgiveness to us in the person of the priest hearing our confession; when she says that same-sex attraction must never materialize into homosexual behavior; when she says that abortion is wrong under any circumstance because it is the taking the life of an innocent, helpless baby; and when she says that contraception opposes God's plan for marriage, she is giving us the Truth that God has revealed and taught to her. To be Catholic in truth means to believe these things. This is God's heartfelt plan for upholding the dignity of each person, the dignity of marriage and the family, and of perpetuating a human society united in an unselfish love that comes from God.

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October Birthdays

1 Joey Romani
 5 Angeline Fitzgerald
 11 Donald Holmes
 14 Vincent Vicik
 16 Beth Thurlow
 17 Glynn Gregory
 17 Mercedes Windecker
 19 Joan Keefe
 19 Margie Lundy
 19 John L Thornton
 20 Melissa Merdanovic
 20 Robin Brennan
 22 Melinda Farrell
 23 Mary Menotti

October Anniversaries

7 Edith & Glynn Gregory
 19 Jen & Matt Roberts
 22 Suzanne & Leo Falcone
 24 Frances & Bob Harmon
 25 Pat & Dan Maher



“ICDA”

International Catholic Deaf Association

What is its mission?

**We unite, worship, advocate, learn and evangelize
in our American Sign Language Culture.**

In a brochure given to me from years ago it said:

BECAUSE it unites Catholic deaf so that programs can be carried out to help the deaf. In unity, there is strength.

BECAUSE it constantly reminds all Catholic deaf that their first responsibility is to be good practical Catholics and save their souls. “What will it profit a man if he gains the whole world and suffer the loss of his soul?

BECAUSE the local chapters can be a great aid to the local Chaplain of the deaf and assist in the program.

Interested?

Let Mary Margaret know:

syrdeaf@juno.com

Road Trip?

The Deaf Apostolate in Philadelphia

invites you to a Retreat

October 9, 2010

by Rev Shawn Carey, a Deaf priest

“Our Relationship with God”

It concludes with Mass.

\$25 includes lunch.

For more information:

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<h1>NOVEMBER 2010</h1>						
	1 All Saints Day	2 All Souls Day Election Day	3 NYSSD Religious Ed	4 Liverpool Group 10 AM - 2 PM	5 Catechetical Leaders Meeting	6
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November Birthdays

- 2 Christopher Sarracino
- 4 Thomas Debraggio
- 4 Grace Evans
- 12 Shirley Cleveland
- 12 Anthony Rakowski
- 13 Dennis Debowey
- 16 Rose Benedict
- 19 Michael Brennan
- 20 Nelson Sharpsteen
- 20 Gari Van Voorhis
- 23 Dawn Brothers
- 23 Tim Pardi
- 23 Emily Read
- 24 Jennifer Evans
- 25 Denise Hnelosub
- 25 Mark Sharpsteen
- 26 Lillian E Barner
- 26 Becky Clark
- 27 Kevin Schindler
- 28 Mary Margaret Van Damme
- 29 Donna Carroll

November Anniversaries

- 6 Cherie & Richard Byrnes
- 14 Mary & Robert Menotti

November is the month we celebrate:

All Saints Day, when we remember all those in heaven.

All Souls Day, when we remember and pray for all who have died.

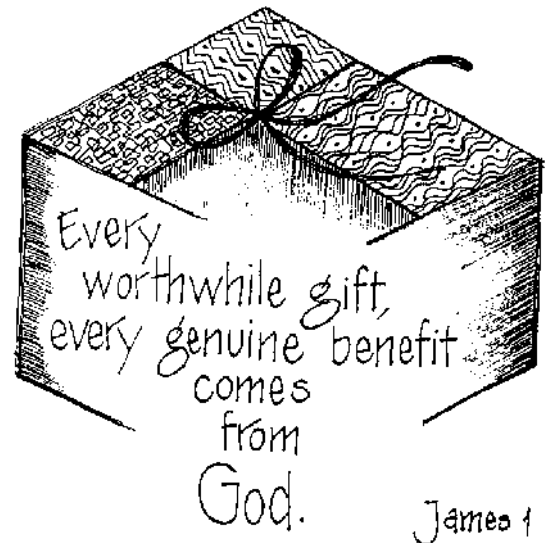
It is a good time to reflect about our lives and our death.

Jesus promised life after death by quoting scripture, "God is the God of Abraham, Isaac and Jacob," for after death we will continue to exist like the angels, living spiritual beings, therefore, God is the God of the living and not the dead.

Close to his death, St Paul wrote:

"The time of my departure is at hand. I have competed well; I have finished the race; I have kept the faith."

Are we be able to say the same?



*Advent : The start of a new Liturgical Year
and the four weeks of preparation for Christmas
starts on November 28th*

**Donation in Memory of Mary Ryfun
by John and Sharon Voninski**

**Donation in Memory of Jim and Pauline Lewis
by Valerie Allen**

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Frances & Robert Harmon
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Bea Murphy
Fr Wilbur J Votraw
John L Thornton
Mary Margaret Van Damme
Joan & Robert Leahy
Helene & Alfred Anderson
Virginia Stedman
Amy & Richard Coppola
Beth & Bob Heinlein

and to those supporters below

THANK YOU !



**Knights of Columbus
They support us.
Let us help them!**

**\$1 a ticket or
\$12 a book (15)**

**Drawing: Dec 4th 2010
Send to:**

Catholic Deaf Community PO Box 572 Rome NY 13442-0572

**CATHOLIC DEAF COMMUNITY - MONTHLY GIVING
September - October - November 2010**

Name _____
Address _____
City _____

Please circle amount enclosed: \$15 \$25 \$30 other _____

Thanks for gifts of your time, talent, and money!

Mail to: Catholic Deaf Community PO Box 572 RomeNY13442-0572

St Ann's Church
104 Academy St
Manlius 



**St Mary's -
StPeter's Parish
Rome NY**

**St Malachy
31 E State St
Sherburne**



St Elizabeth Ann Seton
Baldwinsville

**Holy Family Church
127 Chapel Drive
Syracuse, NY 13219**

Christ
the
King 
Liverpool


**St Helena's
Church
Sherrill, NY**

The Knights of Columbus

Councils in the Diocese of Syracuse

**St Paul's Church
Whitesboro NY**

**God loves me
Interpreted Mass 11 AM**

St Lucy's Syracuse
 **Interpreted
Mass
Sunday
9 AM**

**St Paul's
Rome NY**



**St James Church
Johnson City, NY**

**Signed Mass
Sundays 10 AM**

*Welcome to the
Catholic Deaf
Community*

1909



2009

**Historic Old St. Johns
Utica, NY
Supports Deaf Ministry**

**Kennedy-Lewis-Green
Foundation**

Helping Deaf Students
in Central New York
since 1979

May God Bless You!

**St John the Evangelist
Church
New Hartford NY**



**Immaculate
Conception
Parish**

Fayetteville NY

**St Stephen's
Church**

**469 Main
Street
Phoenix NY**

**St. Mary's
16 Wylie St
Hamilton**



**Our Lady of Sorrows
Church**

**157 Clark St
Vestal, NY**

**St Mary's of the Lake
10 West Austin
Skaneateles NY**